

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*47**  
ANSWERED ON 29.11.2024

**INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FOR TEA TOURISM**

\*47. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE & INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government offers infrastructure development support for tea tourism in addition to actions to enhance educational and other amenities for tea workers and their families;
- (b) the distribution of funds for the Assam and North East tea industries; and
- (c) the details of extra incentives provided under Assam's Tea Industries Scheme (ATSIS) during 2024–2025?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 47 FOR ANSWER ON 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024 “REGARDING INFSTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FOR TEA TOURISM”**

(a) Tea Board, under the Department of Commerce is implementing the Tea Development and Promotion Scheme for the overall development of tea sector. The Assam Government has informed that there is a scheme namely ‘Promotion and Development of Tea Tourism Infrastructure in Assam’ implemented through Assam Tourism Development corporation Ltd. (ATDC) under Tourism Department, Govt of Assam. The Ministry of Tourism promotes India in a holistic manner, through various initiatives. As part of the on-going activities, promotion of various tourism destinations and products including tea estates are taken up.

(b) Total financial assistance of Rs. 64.88 Cr., including Rs.59.18 crore for Assam has been provided to North Eastern Region (NER) through the Tea Board during the period from 2021-22 till 2023-24.

(c) The Assam Tea Industries Special Incentive Scheme (ATISIS) is a scheme of State Government of Assam, which was notified in the year 2020. The components under ATISIS are as follows:

1. Interest Subvention on Working Capital
2. Orthodox or Specialty Tea Production Subsidy
3. Subsidy for Orthodox & Specialty Tea Units for Plant & Machinery
4. Agriculture Income Tax Holiday

Under this scheme, an amount of Rs.90.00 Cr. has been provisioned for the FY 2024-25 out of which Rs.39.72 Crore has been released to 132 Tea Gardens.

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